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MACDONALD FACES THE MUSIC FORCEFUL STATEMENT TO COMMONERS

THE ONLY WAY OUT

ALL SECTIONS ANXIOUS TO SHARE IN
FINANCIAL RECONSTRUCTION.

THE ROYAL EXAMPLE

The National Government has secured the Vote of Confidence it sought, and by the margin anticipated.

Mr. Philip Snowden will present the Supplementary Budget on Friday, September 11.

In the course of a fighting speech, the Premier said that it was heartening and gratifying to observe how the country had braced itself to meet the emergency.

The many underlying causes of the country's difficulties—among them the banking system—must be thoroughly examined later. The immediate business was to restore waning confidence in British Sterling.

He emphatically repudiated the talk of a "Bankers' Ramp," and said that banks had not interfered with political proposals.

He asked the House to uphold Government's hands, and said that Government was determined to see the work and remain at its post until the crisis was over.

"THE WIDOW" OFFERS HER MITE

London, Yesterday. The House of Commons presented a topsy-turvy appearance when it re-assembled to-day after the curtailed Summer holidays. Without any of the excitement of a General Election, since the adjournment on July 31, the Opposition found itself sitting on the Government benches, while with the exception of a mere handful of Mr. MacDonald's followers, Labour had removed itself to the other side of the floor.

Not the least wonderful sight was the composite character of the Government itself, with members who a short time ago were in mutual political conflict but were now brethren in a common cause.

One noticeable feature was that, except for the front bench, the Government supporters formed party sections of their own.

Packed House. The House was packed in every part, including the galleries for various classes of onlookers, when the Prime Minister, with Mr. Snowden and Mr. Baldwin, entered and were received with loud Government cheers.

The first business concerned the resignation of the Labour member, Sir Robert Young, of the office of Deputy Speaker, at the wish of his (engineering) trade union executive. This reason evoked Ministerial laughter and jeers. Sir Dennis Herbert (Conservative) was appointed in his stead.

King's Message. The Speaker then read the King's Message, stating:—"The present condition of national finances, in the opinion of my Ministers, has called for the imposition of additional taxation and the effecting of economies in public expenditure." His Majesty recommended the matter for the consideration of the House of Commons.

Reply to Mr. Henderson. Replying to Mr. Henderson, Mr. MacDonald said that Mr. Snowden would open the Supplementary Budget on September 10, and the second reading of the Economy Bill would be moved on September 11. To-day's debate would form a motion of confidence.

The Prime Minister then made the Government declaration on the formal resolution to establish a Committee of Ways and Means.

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Premier's Vigorous Speech. Speaking vigorously, and not mincing words, he said the Bank of England on August 8 adumbrated on the possibility of a serious situation in view of the alarming fall of deposits and the danger to gold reserves. The crisis was intensified by the temporary credits arranged, but practically exhausted in the third week of August. A further loan was required to keep sterling from going off gold but from tumbling off gold.

Financial Typhoon. The typhoon continued to approach, and the Government had to move promptly and re-ward its defences.

Many factors at home and abroad, had contributed to the situation. The crux of the situation was that we had been absolutely compelled to get a loan, and to do this we must balance the Budget, and put unemployment finance on a sound financial basis.

Referring to allegations that the crisis was due to international financiers' plot, Mr. MacDonald asserted that he would join with anybody who said that no outside authority should be permitted to control State policy. (Ministerial cheers and Opposition counter-cheers).

Caution Needed. He hoped, in view of the far-reaching negotiations which must be begun pretty soon as regards reparations settlements, etc., that care would be exercised in attacks on foreign nations in connection with this campaign against banks.

Premier's £1,000 Cut. A Labour member's challenge as to how he (Mr. MacDonald) was going to be affected by the economies led Mr. MacDonald to burst out with, "I am going to get a cut of a thousand sterling annually."

Labour Opposition. Mr. Arthur Henderson, who followed, said that the two cuts the Opposition could not accept were interference with the efficiency of the social services, and the lowering of the standard of life. By cuts in unemployment benefits, he said, the whole of the late Cabinet had provisionally accepted £56,000,000 in economies. Mr. Baldwin's Tribute to Premier

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, who warmly paid a tribute to the Premier's "uncommon courage," declared that when the crisis finally became a matter of hours nobody had a right to refuse help however disagreeable and impossible the task. Conservatives, therefore, had no alternative but to promise the Premier such help as they could give, and until Government's task had been accomplished the whole of their strength would be behind the Premier in the most difficult task before him in the next three or four weeks.

Opposition's Responsibility. Mr. Baldwin reminded the Opposition that their responsibility would be, if their attitude led other nations to believe that there was a large section in Britain which had not realised the gravity of the position, or was reluctant to face the difficulties for the breaking of Britain's international credit. There would be an unparalleled disaster affecting not only Britain but the whole of humanity.

Vote of Confidence. The motion of confidence was carried by 309 to 250 votes. A Government majority of 59 which is what had been expected.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday. Parliament, which adjourned at the end of July, until October 22, re-assembled to-day in a special session summoned to give legislative effect to the scheme, prepared in the last two weeks by the National Government, for restoring the equilibrium of National finances by large economies in National expenditure and additional taxation.

Prime Minister MacDonald, who last addressed the House of Commons of the Labour Government, to-day faced a packed House as head of the National Administration with Leaders of the Liberal and Conservative Parties. As his Cabinet colleagues, and with his former followers, save for a dozen or so, ranged in Opposition.

King's Message. A message from the King was read to the House of Commons by the Speaker. It recommended the condition of National finances to their consideration and asked them to make provision accordingly.

Prime Minister's Speech. The Prime Minister, in moving a resolution that the House go into a Committee of Ways and Means on Thursday, when the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Philip Snowden will introduce a Supplementary Budget, said that the crisis was one of those extraordinary incidents in politics which put a Democratic Government to the test. Democracy had not always been successful in saving itself against sudden dangers. It was, therefore, heartening and gratifying to observe how the country had braced itself to meet the emergency.

Britain's Honesty. Mr. MacDonald described how the crisis arose, and the efforts which he made for the late Government to deal with it. How these failed and he accepted the King's Commission to form a National Government. There were, he said, many underlying causes of the country's difficulties which must be thoroughly examined later. The banking system required examination. The question of War Debts and Reparations was involved. Britain had burdened itself by its honesty and its generosity in paying its debts and helping other countries. But this was not the moment for going into such questions. Government had to accept its responsibility for dealing with the crisis. It had to face realities and act promptly and vigorously—not in relation to Party machines but to a common National emergency—not in relation to high policy but to an immediate crisis. London, the great international banking centre, found itself underequipped from de-

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JURY'S ADVICE TO STEAMER COMPANY.

Instruct Officers Use
of Arms.
REPLACE OLD RIFLES.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, the inquest on Hong Ming-kwai, a cook, who was killed by a bullet accidentally discharged from a rifle aboard the China Navigation s.s. Shantung was concluded before Mr. Schofield and a Jury.

In summing up the Coroner referred to the evidence of the Police armourer who had stated that the rifle was a very old pattern and had a very light pull-off.

The jury returned a verdict of death by misadventure. To this they attached two riders: (1) That the China Navigation Company should substitute modern rifles in place of the present ones, which are nearly 40 years old; and (2) That instructions should be given to their junior officers in the use of these firearms.

YOUNG GIRL'S JUMP TO DEATH.

Takes Admonishment
to Heart.

Admonished by her brother over some family trouble, Chan Sui-hing, a young girl of 16, jumped from the third floor of 10, Ma Terrace, yesterday, sustaining severe injuries from which she succumbed shortly after admission to the Kowloon Hospital.

AN INVOLUNTARY DIP.

Woman Who Fell Into
Harbour.

Whilst walking in Connaught Road Central, near the Star Ferry Ferry Wharf, yesterday, a married woman, Cheung Yuk-chun (20), of 37 Haiphong Road, ventured too near to the edge of the praya wall and fell into the harbour. She was helped out by P.C.B. 394 Dula Singh, and was none the worse for her involuntary dip!

ACID THROWING CASE.

Accused Remanded
for a Week.

Fung Yee (20), unemployed and of no fixed place of abode, was charged before Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning with throwing corrosive fluid at a woman, named Wong So-hung (20), with intent to disfigure or maim her at Front Row, Tai Hang, on September 7.

The charge was explained to accused who was not asked to plead. Detective-Sub-Inspector Rozesky said that the complainant was still in hospital and asked for a week's formal remand.

Asked by his Worship if the case was one for committal, the Inspector replied that he would find out later. Accused was accordingly remanded for a week.

POISONING? Man Off A Ship.

Dr. J. T. Smalley, medical officer in charge of Kowloon Hospital, has notified the Police that a man, Lei Fo (20), employed as a laundryman on board the s.s. Tai Ping was admitted to hospital yesterday and is not expected to live. He is apparently suffering from poisoning. He was sent to hospital by the ship's surgeon.

"TIMES" AND CHINA

THE SAFETY OF
FOREIGNERS.

CAUTION NEEDED
CONCESSIONS TO
SENTIMENT.

London, Yesterday. Drawing a parallel between the Thorburn and Nakamura cases, the Times in a leader says that it is not surprising that the Japanese are indignant at Muk-dun's failure to discover the criminals and at the delay in replying to Japanese demands.

While the Feetham Report dismissed scornfully that American, European and Japanese residents, in many parts of China, are liable to attack by brigands, as much as by brigands, and the Chinese Government powerless to protect them effectively, the Nakamura case re-emphasises the necessity for caution in making further concessions to Chinese national sentiment.—Reuter.

FAIR GENERALLY.

The Royal Observatory's report issued to-day at 10.50 a.m. states:

A typhoon has formed to the S.E. of Ishigaki. Its direction of motion is unknown.

Pressure is low from Cochin-China to the Lower Yangtze Valley.

Forecast:—Westerly or variable winds, moderate; fair generally.

Typhoon Warning. The following telegram was received from the Manila Observatory by the American Consulate-General this morning:

9th, 10 a.m.—Typhoon in about 128 degrees Long. E., and 24 degrees Lat. N., direction known.

Rainfall. Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.97 inch. Total since January 1—67.14 inches against an average of 68.82 inches—deficit 0.63 inches.

Temperature. The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	80
Macao	79
Pratas Island	79
Manila	77
Foochow	81
Amoy	78
Chefoo	72
Shanghai	72

LONDON STOWAWAY

Why He Left
Australia.

"JUST WALKED ABOARD."

"I just walked on board and hid myself," admitted Albert John Gambelin, in a strong Cockney accent, when charged before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day with stowing away from Port Darwin on the s.s. Taiting.

A native of London, Gambelin said he left Australia on account of the depression in trade conditions there.

A fine of \$50 or one month's imprisonment was imposed.

RUSSIAN BANK'S AFFAIR.

Shanghai Creditors'
Appeal Fails.

RESOLUTIONS INVALID.

A judgment of the Full Court of Appeal, delivered this morning, fully upheld the previous action of the Chief Justice, Sir Joseph H. Kemp, in refusing an adjournment of three months to Shanghai creditors of the Russo-Asiatic Bank in Hong Kong, in order to allow them time in which to gather material in which to gather facts.

The creditors' original claim was that they were entitled to rank as preferential creditors in the Hong Kong liquidation. This claim was refused by the Official Receiver of Hong Kong (Liquidator in the case). The ground of appeal was that of refusal to grant an adjournment.

The President, Sir Peter Grah, said that the facts, as set out in the Judge's notes, were very full and very clear. There had been many other places to participate in the Hong Kong assets of the liquidation.

The appeal would be dismissed, with costs.

The Chief Justice briefly concurred, as did Mr. Justice Lindell, stating that the Chief Justice was "amply justified" in refusing an adjournment, and dismissing the summons.

Counsel in the case were Mr. H. G. Shalson, (instructed by Messrs. Dacsons) for appellants, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) for the Official Receiver and Liquidator.

SZE YAP S.S. CO.'S APPEAL.

Ex-Directors Win
Their Case.

REPEATED APPLICATIONS.

The affairs of the Sze Yap Steamship Company, which have for a long time been the subject of dispute between certain shareholders and ex-directors, took another turn this morning, when the judgment of the Full Court of Appeal was delivered, which set aside an injunction granted in the Supreme Court by Mr. Justice Wood restraining the ex-directors from further action, from the handing of the company's funds, and from any interference in the management of the company's business.

All three Judges agreed that the appeal must succeed, and that the eight resolutions passed at a compulsory meeting of shareholders, (which resolutions included, inter alia, the removal of the old directors from office), were invalid, by reason of the fact that the notices convening the meeting were bad.

Defendant-appellants were Chung Cheung-shes and four others, plaintiff-respondents being the Sze Yap Steamship Company.

CHINA FLOOD VICTIMS.

League Assembly Votes
Sympathy.

BRITISH RESOLUTION.

Geneva, Yesterday.

There was a generous outburst of approval from the entire League Assembly this afternoon when the British resolution expressing sympathy with Chinese flood victims was carried unanimously.

Lord Cecil's suggestion that the League's Health Commission should help China was also adopted.—Reuter.

SLIGHT DECLINE IN PRICES.

Share Market Quietly
Steady.

BUYERS IN EVIDENCE.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day stated:—

The market continued quietly steady, though in some cases prices declined to a small extent, at which there are buyers.

Banks, after being done at \$2.040, were in demand at this quotation.

Unions were in request at \$557½ without leading to business.

Underwriters are \$6.15 nominal.

Steamboats and Waterboats are both in demand at \$28½, but there are no transactions to report.

Wharves were again in demand at \$165½.

Providents (old), after being done at \$6.55 and \$6.60, could have been obtained at the latter rate. The new shares were in demand at \$3.15, after sales at \$3.20.

Hotels (old), after sales being reported at \$17.20, had buyers at \$17, but sellers were asking \$17.30. The new shares were in demand at \$16½.

Lands were wanted at \$91½, but no shares appeared at this rate.

Humphreys (new) changed hands at \$22¼.

Ewos were in request at the improved rate of \$15.80.

Trams were dealt in at \$22.60 and \$22.85, and of the close there were buyers at \$22.70.

Star Ferries were in demand at \$95.

China Lights were reported done at \$29, \$30, and \$30½, and at the close there were buyers offering \$29½.

Electricians were in demand at \$84.

Telephones (part paid) were done at \$35½ and \$36, and at the end there were further buyers at the former rate.

Ropes changed hands at \$22.20. Cements (combined) were \$20.40 nominal.

Dairy Farms were wanted at \$33½.

Lane, Crawfords (old) were in demand at \$8.20, after sales at \$8½, and there were buyers for the new shares at \$8.

Government Loan could have been obtained at \$5½ per cent. premium.

The remainder of the stocks in the list calls for little comment.

NEWSPAPER & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

For a long time thoughtful portions of the community have been disturbed by the way in which sensational treatment of crime and sex news in the Press has contributed to the increase of those same evils. Some weeks ago the Saturday Evening Post published a cartoon showing a gang chief, surrounded by his hoodlums, gloating over newspaper accounts of the gang's activities. But more than six years ago the Christian Century, in an editorial on letter to the newspaper proprietors of Chicago, tried to point out the social damage being done by the over-emphasizing of such news. "Day after day, whether consciously or not," that letter declared, "the Press seems to be operating on the basis of competition in penetrating to the lowest depths of our city's life in order that dregs from thence might be flaunted." And an appeal was made for an experiment in a different sort of journalism, in which crime, bestiality and the sordid aspects of life should be not left out of account—but "played down," while the constructive activities of the city should be "played up."

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ROUND THE LOCAL CINEMAS.

Reviews from Official Sources.

"SOUP TO NUTS."

Studio technicians at Movietone City are lamenting their return to ordinary duty after six weeks of unbounded hilarity born when the first scene of Rube Goldberg's comedy, "Soup to Nuts," was filmed. Mirth continued unabated until the faint echo of the gargantuan giggles raised by the last ridiculous scene died away in the mists of early morning after shooting all night to complete the picture on schedule.

Benjamin Stoloff, director of this comedy creation, from America's foremost cartoonist, declared upon finishing the picture that never in all his experience of directing thirty-three pictures for Fox Films, many of which were comedies, had he worked with such irresistible and uncontrollable "nuts" as Ted Healy and Rube Goldberg.

Ad lib comedy was the order of the day, everyday. Gags for the picture, which is to open at the King's Theatre next Thursday for the cast, for the workers and spectators, and for their own sweet sake were constantly on tap, running like a steady stream from an inexhaustible fund of brilliant wit and comedy.

There was positively no such thing as maintaining seriousness while the picture was being filmed. It could not be done. No sooner would Stoloff get the company settled for a serious bit of business than an extemporaneous gag from Charles Winniker, George Bickel, Frances McCoy, Stanley Smith or some other of the score or more famous comedians in the cast would send the whole company into rales of wholehearted laughter.

"Soup to Nuts" was written by Rube Goldberg as a sort of biography of all his famous cartoon characters. It is said to contain every laugh provoking element that he used so effectively in his cartoons for the past quarter of a century, and for that reason lives up to its descriptive title—"Soup to Nuts."

"KICK IN."

Clara Bow, herself, is the big kick in "Kick In," the Willard Mack drama on the talking screen, which is now showing at the King's Theatre. At last the red-headed "It" star steps out of her customary character and flashes on the screen a glimpse of the fiery Bow emotions.

"Kick In," Clara's first dramatic vehicle for the talkies, is a mighty, punchful story of love versus the law. It deals with the struggles of an ex-convict, Regis Toomey, to "go straight," in spite of the hounding of a vicious detective, the pleadings of his underworld friends, and the temptations of the "easy" road. Clara is the motivating force in the story, as the sweetheart who opposes her charms to the forces that try to drag the man she loves back to a life of crime.

Toomey, in the leading male role, has, in "Kick In," a role that offers him many more opportunities for distinction than did his most famous part in "Alibi," in which he won east-to-coast acclaim. He is a fine dramatic actor, with an air of believableness about him. The drama of "Kick In" is shared between him and Clara. Its success is chiefly theirs.

But, an excellent supporting cast and a splendid directorial mind contribute added effectiveness to

"Kick In's" drama. Wynne Gibson, Juliette Compton and Leslie Fenton head a brilliant array of supporting players. The direction was in the hands of Richard Wallace, whose uncanny ability for heightening dramatic effects, observed in his recent drama with Ruth Chatterton "The Right to Love," has here full display.

"Kick In," long a favourite as a stage play, is even more effective on the talking screen, where the dramatic changes of scene, and the fleeting moods of its characters are more directly and swiftly projected. It is swift, tense, emotional drama, a splendid background for the new Bow charms.

"RESURRECTION."

The story of "Resurrection" is a confession. That fact is now being made public in connection with the forthcoming Oxford Press edition of all of Count Leo Tolstoy's works, an edition which will present for the first time the Tolstoy novel which has been the most widely read in English of any of his works in the original form in which he intended to have it published.

The story is not only a confession, but also for the first time it is now being disclosed by his biographer that the main complication of the "Resurrection" story, as it will be seen as an all-talking and singing picture, at the Central Theatre, commencing on Friday, actually happened in real life. In fact it happened twice. The personal experience and the related experience made such a deep expression on Count Tolstoy that he expended upon this book more pains, more care, more of his own genius and knowledge of life and love than he did on any of the other fiction which he turned out so rapidly and so successfully all his life.

The story of "Resurrection" has been one which has appealed mightily to almost every form of art, having appeared prior to its talking screen version in almost every other form in which a human story can be told. It was first a newspaper serial, then a novel—and that novel translated into 28 languages—then a stage play, a moving picture, a grand opera, and now through the pains-taking and almost reverent direction of Edwin Carewe, has reached the latest and most graphic means of expression, the talking screen, with John Boles playing the role of Dmitri and Lupe Velez that of the wronged ward in his aunt's home.

"DONOVAN AFFAIRS."

Jack Holt rides a different sort of hobby in "The Donovan Affairs," the Columbia all-dialogue mystery commencing its engagement to-day at the Central Theatre. Instead of seeing Holt astrides a horse, dashing across the plains in pursuit of the dastardly villain who is clutching the willing heroine in his arms; we see him in the role of a detective confronted with a very baffling murder mystery.

Jack Holt is the only "Western star" who is enjoying the same popularity to-day, if not greater, than he did when "Wild West" pictures were all the vogue. As soon as this type of picture became extinct, so far as the public was concerned, delineators of "Western" roles were totally eclipsed.

Columbia Pictures however, recognised the ability of Holt as a dramatic actor and created a new Holt personality for the screen. He was cast in several productions, but his role in "Flight" marked him as one of the outstanding actors in pictures to-day.

In "The Donovan Affairs," in the role of Inspector Killian, Holt assumes a characterisation he has never done before. In commenting on his part, Holt expressed a great partiality for detective yarns.

Owen Davis wrote the stage play from which the screen version was adapted. It was a tremendous success during its long run on Broadway and on the road. Frank R. Capra directed the picture which includes in its cast, such famous stars as Dorothy Revier, William Collier, Jr., John Roche, Agnes Ayres, Fred Kelsey, Ethel Wales and Virginia Brown Faire.

"IT'S A WISE CHILD."

Marion Davies realised one of her childhood ambitions when she drove an automobile at top speed down a boulevard, racing with a motorcycle cop and finally driving the machine through a picket fence. She did this for a scene in "It's a Wise Child," her new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer starring vehicle, coming shortly to the Queen's Theatre.

The only disappointment Miss Davies experienced was when she saw the car Director Robert Z. Leonard pick out for her a mid-level coupe.

"That isn't big enough to do any damage," she fretted.

Nevertheless the film star plunged into the "breakaway" fence, protected from the crash by non-shatter windshield glass. When she was through with the scene the company agent paid off the automobile owner with a cheque and a sigh. The remains went to the studio junk pile.

Sidney Blackmer plays opposite Miss Davies in the picturisation of this Laurence Johnson stage hit and the cast includes Jimmy Gleason, Polly Moran, Lester Vail, Marie Prevost, Clara Blandick, Robert McWade, Johnny Arthur, Hilda Vaughn, Ben Alexander and Emily Fitzroy.

"It's a Wise Child" was prepared for the screen by Laurence E. Johnson, author of the play from which the picture was adapted. In its original form, "It's a Wise Child" played for a solid year on Broadway under the management of David Belasco.

"LOVE, LIVE & LAUGH."

George Jessel, starred in the Fox Movietone all talking drama, "Love Live and Laugh," the attraction at the Star on Thursday, is a "jazz singer" who never sang a jazz song. Jessel, for many years on the vaudeville and musical comedy stage, gained his reputation as a jazz singer in the stage-play of that name which he starred in for three years.

"But I've never sung a jazz song in public," Jessel said. "My type of song is the ballad, I know it and I've never tried to step into another field. It's peculiar, though, how people think of me as a jazz singer."

In "Love, Live and Laugh," which was directed by William K. Howard, Jessel sings two original songs, especially written for the Fox production by L. Wolfe Gilbert and Abel Baer, well known songwriters. The songs are, "A Song of Margharita" and "Two Little Baby Arms."

"CIMARRON."

In all the history of talking pictures no greater cast than that assembled for the RKO Radio Pictures picturisation of Edna Ferber's epic story of early Oklahoma, "Cimarron," which is the next change at the Queen's Theatre, has been assembled.

Forty-three players, in addition to the thousands of extras, enact definite parts, for the picture includes every character created by the author of this great story, which in book, magazine or newspaper, has been read by millions.

Richard Dix is starred as Yancy Cravat. Irene Dunne, as Sabra, plays opposite him.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W., on a wavelength of 355 metres:

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6-6.30 p.m.—Chinese Children's Programme.

7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme of H.M.V. and Victor Records kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie and Co.

7.3-7.20 p.m.—Band Selections. Syncopation (Creators). Tripoli (D'Anna).

7-10.30 p.m.—Light Opera and Musical Comedy. Creators' Band, 35755. Semiramide—Overture (Rossini). Creators and His Band, 35827.

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments. Theatre:
To-day—King's Theatre:
"Kick In." Theatre:
To-day—Queen's Theatre:
"Pardon Us."

To-day—Central Theatre:
"The Donovan Affair."
To-day—Majestic Theatre:
"The Marriage Playground."

To-day—Star Theatre:
"The Trial of Mary Dugan."

September 17—Y.M.C.A. members' meeting, 9 p.m.

See Sports Diary on Page 4.

Home Malls.
To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia, (Gange.)

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Suez (Mantua).

Lammer's Auction.
September 17—At Kowloon Naval Depot, old and surplus victualling stores, 9.30 a.m.

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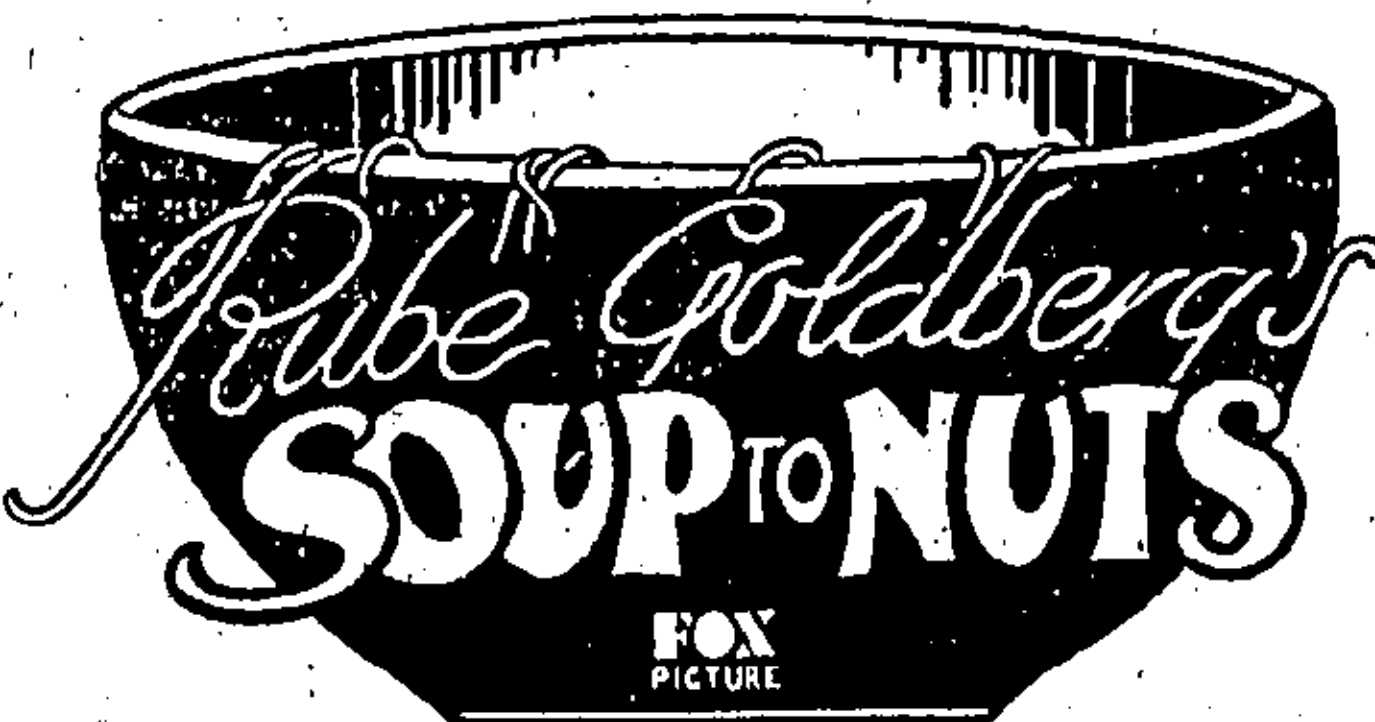
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STARTERS & PRICES FOR ST. LEGER

CHAMPION JOCKEY ON CAMERONIAN.

CHILDS ON ORPEN.

Suze Omitted from
Starters' List.

CAMERONIAN FAVOURITE.

London, Yesterday.
The following are the probable
starters for the St. Leger:—

Birthday Book (Lane)
Cameronian (Fox)
Convey (Gordon Richards)
Goyescas (Elliott)
Inglesant (Jones)
Khorsheed (Beary)
Orpen (Joe Childs)
Salaam (Weston)
Sandwich (Harry Wragge)
Sir Andrew (Pat Beasley)
H. Beasley was to have ridden
Suze, but the horse was later om-
itted from the official list of prob-
able starters. Lane took Dick's
place as Birthday Book's jockey.
The Beaufort Club call-over for
the St. Leger was as follows:—
11-10 Cameronian t and o.
11-2 Orpen t and o.
7-1 o Sandwich 15-2 t.
9-1 Salaam.
10-1 Goyescas t and o.
100-6 o Sir Andrew 20-1 t.
25-1 Inglesant t and o.
40-1 Birthday Book.
50-1 o Convey.
50-1 o Khorsheed.—Reuter.

SOUTHPORT'S 4TH VICTORY.

Tranmere Rovers
Defeated.

London, Yesterday.
The following was the result of
the only League match, played in
the Third Division (North), which
was decided to-day:—

Southport	1	Tranmere R.	0				
Table to Date.							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals.	A.	Pts.
Southport	4	4	0	0	7	3	8
Gateshead	3	3	0	0	9	2	5
Hull City	4	3	0	1	10	5	8
Crowe, A.	4	3	0	1	9	4	0
Barrow	4	3	0	1	11	10	5
Accrington S.	3	4	0	1	7	6	3
Lincoln C.	3	2	0	1	8	3	4
York City	3	2	0	1	5	4	4
Carlisle U.	3	1	1	1	7	8	3
Chester	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Wrexham	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Doncaster R.	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Wigan 'Boro'	3	1	1	1	4	6	3
Stockport	4	1	1	2	5	3	3
Halifax	4	1	1	2	4	4	3
Rotherham	3	1	0	2	7	4	2
Hartlepool	3	0	2	1	3	9	2
Tranmere R.	4	1	0	3	7	6	2
Darlington	4	1	0	3	5	9	2
N. Brighton	3	0	1	2	2	3	1
Rochdale	4	0	1	3	3	14	1
Walsall	3	0	0	3	3	8	0

LOCAL FOOTBALL MEETING.

F.A. Ruling to Be
Adopted.

At a meeting of the Council held
last evening, over which Mr. J.
Ormonston presided, it was agreed
to alter and adjust the exist-
ing rules, to fall in line with the
Football Association. These will
be sent to the Football Association
for approval, and on their ac-
ceptance the altered rules will
probably be submitted at the next
annual meeting of the Hong Kong
Football Association.

JUNIOR PING PONG LEAGUE.

TO-MORROW'S FINAL

The final of the Junior Division
of the Ping Pong League will take
place at the Chinese Y.M.C.A.,
Bridges Street, to-morrow evening
at 7.30. The South China "B"
and the Confucian Association are
the two finalists, and so far both
teams have not lost a single match,
and a very keen struggle is expect-
ed.

RUMJAHN COUSINS IN CANTON.

Lose Series of Matches
by Odd Set.

LEUNG TAK KWONG'S PROWESS.

In an interesting series of lawn
tennis matches between Leung
Tak-kwong and G. Bodiker (Canton)
and H. D. Rumjahn and
S. A. Rumjahn (Hong Kong's lead-
ing doubles players) on Sunday
and Monday at Canton, the Canton
representatives won the en-
counter by the odd match. The
matches were played on the Canton
Citizens' Club courts. Leung
Tak-kwong gave Canton a hard
earned victory when he won both
his singles matches.

Full results were as follow:—

Leung Tak-kwong beat H. D.
Rumjahn 5-7, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.
Leung Tak-kwong beat S. A.
Rumjahn 6-4, 11-9, 6-1.
G. Bodiker beat H. D. Rumjahn
9-7, 7-5, 8-2.
S. A. Rumjahn beat G. Bodiker
3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.
H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rum-
jahn beat Leung Tak-kwong and
G. Bodiker 6-2, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

RUGBY—To-morrow—Meeting
of proposed new Kowloon Club.
CRICKET—Friday—Hong Kong
Cricket League Meeting at 5.15
p.m.

LAWN BOWLS—To-morrow—
Spey Royal Cup—C.C.C. v. Club
de Recreo, K.C.C. Ground.
Saturday—First Division—Civil
Service C.C. v. Craighower C.C.;
Second Division—H.K. Electric
R.C. v. Club de Recreo; C.S.C.C.
v. K.C.C.; Yacht Club v. Craigh-
ower C.C.

ABROAD.

CRICKET—To-day, To-morrow
and Friday—
H. D. Leveson Gower's XI. v.
New Zealand at Scarborough.
Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.
Yorkshire v. Rest of England at
the Oval.

TENNIS—To-day, to Saturday
—U.S. Men's Singles at Forest
Hills.

RACING—To-day—St. Leger.
Friday—Doncaster Cup.
FOOTBALL—Saturday—Full
English and Scottish Programmes.

SCHAAF KNOCKS OUT CAMPOLO.

Loser's Unsuccessful
Comeback.

LEGS GIVE WAY.

Brooklyn, August 31.

Ernie Schaaf, the big 23-year-
old New Jersey seeker of laurels,
climbed another notch in the
heavyweight ladder to-day when
he knocked out Victorio Campolo,
the Argentine giant, in the seventh
round of a scheduled 12-round en-
gagement.

Campolo, who is back in America
for the purpose of making a
new attempt for heavyweight hon-
ours, found himself complete-
ly outclassed and defeated by his
young opponent.

The Argentine fighter started
out brilliantly, but could not last.
Schaaf plodded along and soon
had the invader on the run.

By the time the seventh round
began it was evident that Camp-
olo would probably not be able
to stick the fight out. He appear-
ed weak.

Schaaf was connecting with
blows from both fists to the head
and body. However, did not
seem as though he landed any-
thing like a knock-out blow.

Schaaf displayed some nice
work in the close fighting. Final-
ly the referee separated the fight-
ers from a clinch, and Campolo
slowly sank to the canvas on his
hands and knees.

It was simply a case of the old
legs buckling. The big Argen-
tine did not attempt to rise.—
United Press.

SWIMMING GALA AT REPULSE BAY.

Success for Ministering
Children's League.

YOUTHFUL COMPETITION.

The swimming gala held yester-
day at Repulse Bay under the aus-
pices of the Ministering Children's
League proved a tremendous suc-
cess and was very well patronised
by members and their friends.
The children's sports were well
attended and some keen youthful
competition was witnessed.

Tea was served during the in-
terval during which Messrs.
Siemens China Co. provided music
with an amplifying set and two
dynamic loud speakers, the records
being kindly supplied by Messrs.
Anderson's music store.

There were many prominent
local residents present, amongst
whom were His Excellency Sir
William and Lady Peel, His Excel-
lency the G.O.C. Major-General
J. W. Sandilands, Commodore
A. H. Walker, the Hon. Mr. W. T.
Southorn and Mrs. Southorn and
others.

Prize Winners.

The following were the prize
winners:—

30 yards handicap (for boys, 11
years to 14):—1. N. Reynolds; 2. N.
Booker; 3. H. Clarke.

20 yards handicap (for girls, 11
years to 14):—1. V. Gray; 2. J. Shoo-
smith; 3. Li Oi-ping.

Raft to Shore Race (for boys, 15
years to 18):—1. L. Remedios; 2. A.
Rumjahn; 3. R. B. Wood.

Raft to Shore Race (for girls, 15
years to 18):—1. Chan Yuk-fai; 2. C.
Weir; 3. G. McNeillie.

25 yards (for girls, 7 years to 10):
—1. B. Kerick; 2. C. Sanger; 3. P.
Turnbull.

25 yards (for boys, 7 years to 10):
—1. D. Wilson; 2. R. Peherick; 3.
W. Ortlepp.

15 yards (for boys and girls under
7 years):—1. I. Millar; 2. E. Forster;
3. J. Miken.

10 yards race with floats (for boys
and girls under 7 years):—1. J.
Hastings; 2. F. Schery; 3. J. Saunders.

Paddling on Boards (Open to boys
and girls):—1. D. Taylor; 2. S. H.
Wong; 3. N. Reynolds.

Sand Castle Building (over 6
years):—1. B. Purvis; 2. D. Brown;
3. P. Turnbull.

Sand Castle Building (under 6
years):—1. J. Fitzhenry; 2. J.
Saunders; 3. E. Forster.

Pyramid Parade:—1. Mrs. G. E.
Carr; 2. Miss Ho; 3. Mrs. Pasco and
daughter.

At the conclusion of the gala,
Lady Peel distributed the prizes,
the proceedings being presided
over by Mrs. E. D. Wolfe.

STAG HUNT CAUSES FREE FIGHT.

Horseman Rides Down
Demonstrator.

"SHAMEFUL SPORT."

A free fight in which women
were knocked down marked the
opening meet of the Devon and
Somerset Stag-hounds at Clout-
sham.

Members of the League for the
Prohibition of Cruel Sports, made
a demonstration against stag-hunt-
ing. Before them they carried
banners, with the words:—

Abolish the shameful sport of
stag-hunting. Stag-hunting is
not Cricket.

At first their demonstration was
received with laughter, then a
horseman rode through the group,
riding down the secretary of the
League.

It was then that the free fight
broke out. Women were knocked
down; mackintoshes and umbrellas
were torn; a newspaper photo-
grapher's camera was smashed.

Turf, bottles, mud, and stones
were included in the armory of
the combatants.

An attempt was made to force
some of the free fighters into the
river, but this was prevented by
the police.

A large force of police arrived,
but it was only with difficulty that
order was restored.

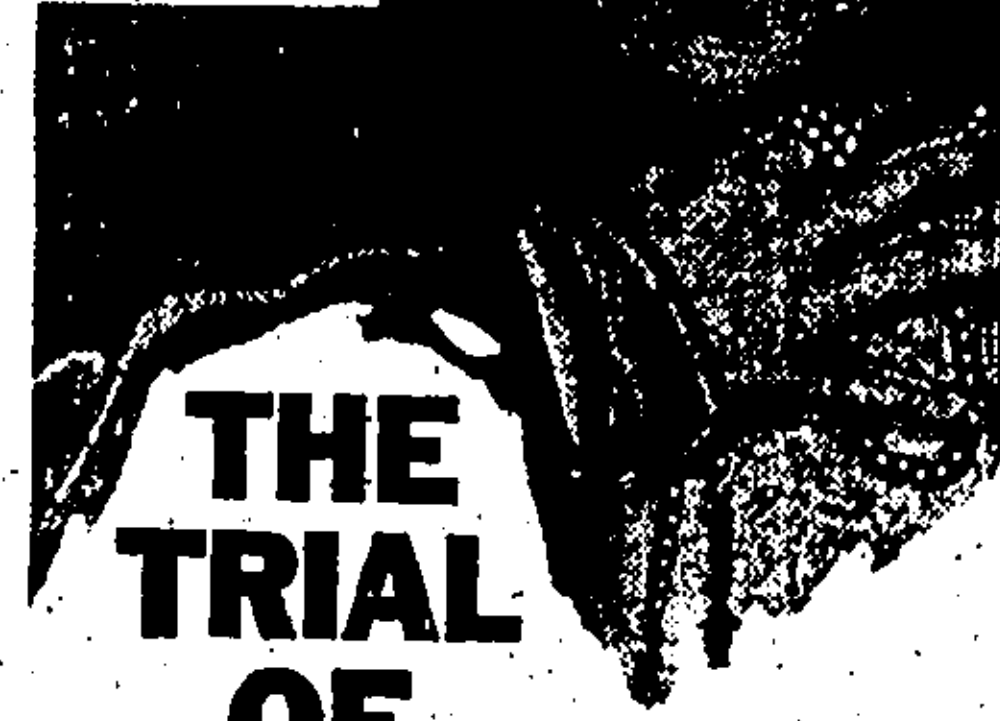
As the anti-stag-hunting party
marched away they were followed
by jeers.

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"The money he
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HOBBS AND SUTCLIFFE AGAIN DEFY THE AMATEURS' ATTACK.

THIRTEENTH CENTURY ELUSIVE.

SUTCLIFFE UNFORTUNATE.

Chapman Registers Long Delayed Century.

BOTH MATCHES DRAWN.

London, Yesterday. Features of the close of the season matches were the big partnership for the first wicket by Hobbs and Sutcliffe against the Gentlemen; Hobbs' ninth century of the season; Sutcliffe's dismissal when four short of his thirteenth century; A. P. F. Chapman's first century of the season; and M. L. Page's fourth three-figure total for the fourists.

Full results as tabulated by Reuters were as follows:—

Players drew with the Gentlemen at Scarborough.

Players: 144 for 6 dec. (Hobbs 144, Sutcliffe 96); 27 for no wicket. Gentlemen: 210.

The New Zealanders drew with an England XI at Folkestone. England XI: 395 (A. P. F. Chapman 114); 21 for one wicket. New Zealand: 349 (M. L. Page 132).

Century List.

The following have scored centuries in first-class cricket this season:—
Holmes (Yorkshire v. Warwick) 230
Holmes (Yorkshire v. Nottingham) 133
Holmes (Yorkshire v. Lancashire) 125
Nash of Patani (Oxford U. v. Cambridge U.) 235
Nash of Patani (Oxford U. v. Gloucester) 159
Nash of Patani (Oxford U. v. Surrey) 165
Nash of Patani (Oxford U. v. Leiston) 138
Nash of Patani (Oxford U. v. Surrey) 100
Hendren (Middlesex v. Nottingham) 202
Hendren (Middlesex v. Nottingham) 203
Hendren (Middlesex v. Warwick) 169
Hendren (Middlesex v. Sussex) 123
Hendren (Middlesex v. Gloucester) 117
Hendren (M.C.C. v. Surrey) 107
Hendren (Middlesex v. Warwick) 100
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Woolley (Kent v. Yorkshire) 188
Woolley (Kent v. Northants) 168
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Paine (Warwick v. Cambridge U.) 11 for 84
wickets taken in a single innings.

C. M. SEQUEIRA WINS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Stirring Struggle in Bowls Tourney.

SHANGHAI LAWN BOWLS.

Shanghai, Aug. 31.

C. M. Sequeira of the Hong Kew Golf Club beat G. B. Stormes of the Shanghai Recreation Club, in the final of the Lawn Bowls Open Singles Championship, yesterday afternoon on the Shanghai Lawn Bowls Club green by 21 shots to 17.

The match was a hard fought one and Sequeira thoroughly deserved his win. He played better bowls and was more consistent around. Stormes at times played well and a number of times cut out Sequeira who was laying three and four shots but he was very weak on his back hand especially playing up the green. The stars was slow neither player being able to register more than one shot at each head, and at the sixth head Stormes led by 4-2, then Sequeira scored a two at the next head to equalise. The score was still kept low till the 10th head when Stormes scored a four and followed it up by a three at the next head, to make the score 11-6 in his favour. This lead Stormes held till the 15th but the next head Sequeira scored a four to bring the score to 15-12 against Stormes. At the 22nd head the score stood at 20-17 in favour of Sequeira, after he had made a great three at the 21st, and at the next head he ran out his points of 21 shots by scoring a two, making the final score 22-17. Sequeira was heartily congratulated on his great win by the large number of spectators present.

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Municipal Councils?

One of the most interesting addresses delivered to Rotarians for some time was that given by Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy yesterday on the subject of Municipal Councils (or Commissions). The municipal form of local Government has a great many advocates in this Colony, some of whom have had practical experience elsewhere either as Councillors or officials. The question has been discussed in the newspapers at numerous intervals, the occasion of its last revival being shortly after the arrival of H.E. Sir William Peel, who was one of the best Municipal Presidents that Penang ever had.

It cannot be denied that in Kowloon, in particular, with its phenomenal development within recent years the work of the greatest spending department—the Public Works Department—is becoming unwieldy, taken in conjunction of course, with its work on the Island. The same applies in a lesser degree to the Sanitary Department.

The only sane argument against a Municipal Council (or Councils) here is the vital one of cost. Its opponents hold that as between a Government as at present existing and a Municipal Council performing purely municipal duties the cost of administration of the latter would not be worth the candle and would inflict greater hardship than under present conditions on the ratepayers. If that were so, in fact, however, it is not passing strange that there has never been any desire in Singapore, Penang, Malacca, or Colombo to abolish Municipal Commissions and let the Government "run the whole shooting match." Is there not, on the contrary, a greater development

of democracy than ever in Ceylon, even in regard to the constitution of the Legislative Council?

In one important matter—that of water supply—it was pointed out yesterday by the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton that our water system should be at least ten years ahead of the Colony's requirements, whereas it is ten years behind. That may be taken by some as an argument in favour of a Municipality. They may imagine that if a Municipal Council had been in force ten years ago the position in respect of a water system would have been in advance of requirements to-day. But—any who would argue in this fashion would ignore the vital factor that the ultimate decision would still rest in the hands of the Government, whose approval for loans and all large financial commitments would have to be sought. Even the Municipal Council's annual Budget must have the approval of the Government.

Viewed from this angle alone it would appear that the mere existence of a Municipal Council could not of itself accelerate the introduction and execution of such schemes as water systems. The one important point that would be gained would be the operation of the force of public opinion. Even with a semi-elected and semi-nominated Municipal Commission public opinion would have by far a much greater opportunity to make itself felt on the Government, which would not be permitted—without very great opposition—to reject an urgent scheme for betterment of a water system without very grave reasons.

It is quite possible—may a certainty—that not one in a thousand in this Colony would aspire toward the ideal of the city mentioned by Mr. N. Bellamy in which babies are brought into the world by Municipal midwives, fed on Municipal sterilised milk, and later, "educated" at Municipal schools, swim at Municipal baths, cook by Municipal gas, read by Municipal electricity, ride on Municipal buses and trams, play tennis on Municipal courts and golf on Municipal links, receive medical aid

from their panel doctor, cross to the sea-side on Municipal ferries, do their courting in Municipal parks, attend Municipal concerts and Municipal organ recitals, vote for the wrong Municipal candidate every year and finally end up in a Municipal crematorium.

Very much less, Municipal Administration than that would satisfy the ratepayers of Hong Kong. Mention has been made in the past of a gradual evolution. It has been suggested that, in the first place, the Sanitary Board could be expanded to the status of a Municipal Commission-Sanitary Board, that Kowloon could well have its own similar body, and that elsewhere in the Colony Rural Boards could be established on the lines of those existing in Malaya. The question cannot be rushed. But neither should it be allowed to lie dormant. Taxation without representation, is bad for the welfare of any community so advanced in thought—as Hong Kong!

Mail Commentary.

Commercial Candour.

Saleslady (after having raved ecstatically over the frocks she has been trying to sell, and then having listened dazedly to a savage tirade against them): "You are quite right, madam. Absolutely. Of course, I've got to wear this thing—the firm says so; but, honestly, I feel just like a sloppy piece of tripe in it!"

An Axe on the Estimates.

A plumber was mending the window, when two little heads appeared above the hedge, and the following dialogue ensued:—

"Are you mending that window?"
"Yes."
"We broke it."
"Did you?"
"Yes, when we were playing; we have to pay for it; put a cheap one in."

Rothschild Outwitted.

The name of Rothschild has become so intimately associated in the public mind with financial genius and business acumen that it comes almost as a shock to read of a member of that famous house being outwitted in a business deal. The following story is told by Esad Bey in "Blood and Oil in the Orient" (Nash and Grayson, 1928).

Musa Jakub was the owner of a Baku oil-well in addition to being the leader of a gang of Persian bandits. Not a drop of oil, however, could be extracted from the well, which, therefore, Jakub decided to sell.

Since, however, it was to be presumed that no one would give a penny for it, he had the inside of the shaft cemented, and at the bottom had a cement floor laid; this pit was then filled with oil. Jakub offered it for sale to the Parisian, Rothschild, whose representative came, inspected the well, and reported what he had seen with his own eyes—namely, that every hour of a considerable amount of oil was extracted. Rothschild paid the desired price and could not understand why from the very next day the well did not yield another gallon of oil. When the trickery was discovered, Rothschild's representative demanded restitution of the money, but quickly waived further claims when Jakub explained that one usually paid for such a ridiculous demand with one's life.

The Floating Hotel.

For people who like ships but not the sea, the idea of spending a holiday on board a vessel which can be relied upon to stay moored within sight of land must be attractive. This is the latest fashion on the French Riviera. Two of the most luxurious liners of the Messageries Maritimes fleet, Mariette Pacha (12,239 tons) and Champlain (12,263 tons) are now lying off Monte Carlo, and are to remain there until the end of the season, not as ocean-going ships, but as "floating palace hotels." Evidently there is much to be said for this scheme, which aims at combining the joys of sea and land. Few hotels are more orderly than a liner or more comfortable, and no hotel is as quiet as a ship at anchor. At the same time, it will be possible at

any moment to go ashore to take advantage of all the facilities for amusement of the Cote d'Azur. If there will be none of the pleasures of arriving in a new port, there will be none of the sorrows of leaving a familiar one. These modern liners will have become travelling hotels that no longer travel, and their passengers will be able to enjoy the amenities of a voyage without any of its discomforts.

Newspaper Cuttings.

A collection of newspaper cuttings can form an amusing and instructive hobby for the schoolchild. The cuttings must be made regularly, and a simple form of classification is essential, or they will be virtually useless. Three boxes or portfolios which are large and strong should be employed. One of these should be labelled "Pictures," the second "Reading matter," and the third "Complementary pictures and paragraphs." The cuttings which are filed in these are then divided into subsections, each in a separate folder, which can be made of cartridge paper. Artistic, geographical, general interest, historical, literary, manual, scientific, and zoological are good headings for the subsections. The child should, of course, be encouraged to employ divisions of his own, as this encourages orderly thinking. On the outer portfolios an index containing the names of the lesser portfolios is placed, and on these a rough index is placed also. Thus, if a child wishes to turn up any cuttings on Joan of Arc he will take out the three historical folders from each portfolio and run his eye down the index till he comes to such an item as "Joan of Arc—birthplace" in the picture folder; "Joan of Arc—review of Shaw's play," "Joan of Arc—canonisation of," and so on in the others. It is astonishing what a lot of valuable information can be kept near at hand in this manner and how valuable it will prove. Every six months or so the cuttings should be gone through and any out-of-date or duplicate ones removed. In this way the collection will be kept free from matters of purely temporary interest and will gain in interest every year.

News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 81 degrees. The humidity was 79 at 10 a.m. and 80 at 4 p.m.

Mr. James Mackey ("Jimmy") Glover, one of the best-known Bohemian figures of his generation, died at Hastings yesterday says Reuter.

Miss Amy Johnson left Koenigsberg for Hanover yesterday morning. She intended to stay at Hanover last night, and depart for London to-day, cables Reuter.

Ng Fuk-shing, who was banished for life in 1926, was sent to jail for nine months with hard labour for disobeying the banishment order. He pleaded he was unaware of the term of his banishment.

The Peninsula Hotel advises that their new Soda Fountain is now open to the public, for the sale of all American iced drinks, tea, coffee, cakes, chocolates and fruits. The new premises, the entrance of which is in Nathan Road, is attractively decorated and finished in terrazzo, and is replete with every modern appliance necessary for the production of the best ice cream.

The League Assembly has unanimously decided to invite Mexico to join the League. Signor Grandi (Italy) proposed to the Assembly that all programmes of armaments should be immediately and effectively suspended, during the session of the disarmament conference in February. Speaking on the report of the League's work during the past year, Signor Grandi said that if armaments were lowered, trade barriers would very soon also be lowered. So cables Reuter from Geneva.

Mr. Justice Lindsell, in the Summary Court yesterday, reserved judgment in the case in which the Hong Kong Amusement Trust Ltd. (Luen Yick Motor Company) for \$300, damage to a gramophone belonging to plaintiffs, alleged to have been due to negligence by defendants' servant. His Lordship said he was satisfied that there had been negligence, and that defendants were responsible for the accident; but he wished to consider the point raised as regards priority of contract.

The building presented by Mr. Tang Chi-gong for the use of the School of Chinese Studies at the University will be officially opened by His Excellency the Chancellor of the University at 5 p.m. on Monday, September 28.

Taking a dose of opium, in an alleged attempt to end her life, a woman, named Cheung Ngan (27), of 324 Hennessy Road, is now a patient in the Government Civil Hospital. Her condition is reported to be not serious.

A WEEK'S DISEASES.

Three Imported Cases of Typhoid Fever.

The official return of diseases and deaths during the week ended September 5 is as follows:—

	Cases	Deaths
Typhoid fever	8	0
Puerperal fever	2	1
Tuberculosis	57	—
Three cases of typhoid fever were imported.		
Summary to September 5.		
The returns from January 1 to September 5 give the following figures:—		
	Cases	Deaths
Typhoid	156	35
Small-pox	14	9
Scarlet fever	3	—
Diphtheria	86	23
Cerebro-spinal fever	15	8
Puerperal fever	13	8
Paratyphoid fever	1	—
Tuberculosis	—	1,323

Nineteen of the typhoid cases were non-Chinese, as were three scarlet fever cases, one small-pox case, one cerebro-spinal fever case, and 26 diphtheria cases.

Yesterday three cases of typhoid fever were notified. All were Chinese.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Cicala—North wall.
Cornflower—West wall (Dock).
Oswald—North wall.
Phoenix—East wall.
Stormcloud—North arm.
Sarapis—In dock.
Seraph—In dock.
Sterling—In dock.
Tamar—Basin.
Foreign.
Argus—French gunboat.
Mindanao—American gunboat.
Regulus—French gunboat.

A SWIMMER.

The Duke of Gloucester.

Everyone knows something of the Prince of Wales's numerous sporting activities, and the Duke of York is recognized as a fine golfer. But it is not generally known that the Duke of Gloucester excels in another department of sport. He is a very fine swimmer and a gymnast of no mean order.

He and Prince George went down the other day to Heatherden, the new luxury country club at Iwer Heath, and the Duke spent some time in the swimming bath. There, besides showing to considerable advantage in the water, he performed some feats on the rings which hang above the bath that were described as amazingly good.

A United States Army officer, Lt. J. C. Crain, stayed aloft in a glider at Honolulu for 16 hours 38 minutes, which is claimed to be a world record.

A man unloading crates of bananas at Liverpool was badly bitten by a snake four feet long, which was concealed in a crate and which was killed with a stick.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of September 9, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/8½.

The body of a European, identified at the mortuary as that of a Frenchman, named J. E. D. Beauchamp, a ship's officer, was picked up by the Police in the Harbour, between the centre fairway and Stonecutters, yesterday afternoon. The body, which was still fresh, was nude, with the head almost severed, and the left breast cut off. How the unfortunate man met his death is a mystery. The Police theory is that these visible wounds were caused by the propeller of a ship. The funeral takes place at the Roman Catholic cemetery this afternoon.

HANDLING PUBLIC UTILITIES

How Municipalities Get Along.

HONG KONG'S POSITION.

Facts Placed Before Rotarians.

The respective virtues and shortcomings of public and private enterprise as applied to the management of public utilities were discussed by Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy in the course of an address to Rotarians at the weekly tiffin yesterday.

Mr. Bellamy touched upon the question of a Municipality for Kowloon, and in this connection gave examples of the results of municipal enterprise in other parts of the world.

The Hon. Mr. Shenton, in reply, referred to the excellent work done by the present system of Government in Hong Kong. He urged that full provision had been made for the recurrent needs of the Colony, and gave it as his opinion that the existent form of Government could not well be bettered. Mr. Shenton also referred to the excellent work done by private utility companies in Hong Kong.

CASE FOR AND AGAINST.

After quoting excerpts from leading articles in the local newspapers in connection with the lack of public bathing facilities in the Colony, and the proposal to provide open air bathing pools, to be filled from the sea, Mr. Bellamy proceeded—

"I have a further title to address you on the subject I have chosen for the reason that I have spent about twelve years in Municipal service. As a chief official for the majority of that period I saw a lot from the inside, of what I will call the political working of the Municipal machine and it is upon that feature that I want chiefly to speak."

Municipal Musings.

It is said that the Marquis of Ripon—when Secretary of State for the Colonies—was in favour of Hong Kong having a Municipal Council but that his successor in office—Mr. Joseph Chamberlain—would not hear of it, and the then Governor, Sir William Robinson, received from Mr. Chamberlain a "rap over the knuckles" because he had sought popular opinion by means of a plebiscite as to whether there should or should not be an Unofficial majority on the Sanitary Board.

Since that time residents of Hong Kong have probably come to the conclusion that a Municipal Council for island matters is quite unnecessary. There are, however, many who consider that a representative body of men constituting a Kowloon Municipal Council would be a good thing, and would be a great help to the Government by relieving it of certain domestic and parochial Kowloon matters. One of the great dangers, however, would be the temptation to a zealous and enterprising Council of embarking on Municipal trading which might prove unremunerative.

In 1908 there was held in New York a National Convention on Public Ownership of essential urban utilities like water, electricity, gas and transport, etc. Amongst those who attended that Convention were a British Municipal electricity official, a British Municipal gas official,

and a British Municipal transport official, who all had to read papers pro-Municipal working and were followed by papers by the proponents of private ownership of these three businesses.

My late father was the British municipal transport representative and he kindly took me with him.

Although I was very young at the time I listened attentively to the arguments both for and against public ownership.

Two Points of View.

Both points of view—as expressed by the various delegates—struck me as unalysingly convincing, with the result that ever since that New York Convention of 1903 I have been keenly interested in the pros and cons of Municipal Socialism.

So far as America is concerned we all know that municipal trading has made little or no headway.

There are, for instance, at least 75 transport undertakings in Great Britain which are operated by municipalities, whereas I know of only three—Detroit, San Francisco and Seattle—in the U.S.A. In Detroit the revenue barely meets the cost of operation, in San Francisco the voters recently turned down a proposal to extend, further municipal ownership and operation. In Seattle the fares are as high as anywhere in the country, yet service is said to be unsatisfactory, and taxpayers are confronted with the necessity of paying for a substantial deficit.

America, is, however, going ahead rapidly on Municipal airports. Up to January 1 last, 1,113 airports had been established in the U.S.A., of which 549 were Municipal and 564 Commercial.

Recent Legislation.

Let me quote two recent items of legislation—one case for the protection of private enterprise and the other in favour of bureaucratic control.

The Ulster House of Commons recently passed their Electricity Supply Bill, but by a large majority rejected the clause which would have empowered local authorities to provide, sell or let on hire any elec-

trical fittings or apparatus for lighting, heating or motive power. This clause was, of course, rejected in the interests of the private trader, who will not be prepared to let on hire—say, an electric oven—as cheaply as the Belfast Corporation would have been prepared to do.

Just as Ulster has its own House of Commons, so has the Isle of Man, but in the latter place it is called the House of Keys. This very live body recently rejected a Bill which aimed at giving a private Company the electricity supply rights for the whole Island. The House of Keys not only rejected the Bill but went so far as to threaten to pass no taxation until the Governor of the Island had introduced a Government Bill providing for electricity supply to be entirely in the hands of the Government.

How is that in Liverpool and Sheffield the gas undertakings are in the hands of private enterprises, whilst in the equally large cities of Manchester and Leeds these undertakings are run by the Municipalities?

What advantages are enjoyed by the citizens of Eastbourne and Torquay, where the electricity undertaking is in the hands of the Municipalities, over the citizens of Bournemouth and Folkestone, where the electricity works are owned by Companies?

Is the urban passenger transport business in Bristol and Norwich—where it is in the hands of companies—inferior to the Municipal systems of Cardiff and Hull?

Thick-Skinned Councillors.

Town Councillors require to be fairly thick-skinned. There are times when a party in general and a few of the individual Councillors in particular are the objects of the most severe criticism, not to say unfair abuse. The result is that men of too refined an upbringing shrink from the publicity which public life incurs, and it follows that there are a large number of men in almost every town at home who would make excellent town councillors but who refuse to embark on a life of useful service to the community because of the inevitable publicity of Town Council work.

This may explain the extraordinary municipal position of Oxford vis-a-vis Wigan. In Oxford the trading concerns, gas, electricity and transport are monopolies in the hands of private enterprise. In Wigan the municipality controls all three undertakings. As a Lancashire man I hesitate to suggest that perhaps the average Wigan tradesman is better qualified for the administration of trading concerns than councillors versed in Greek and Roman literature.

Ubiquitous Town Clerks.

The chief person in a British town is the Mayor. Those gentlemen, however, who aspire to be Mayors of Kowloon must not imagine that they—in turn—are going to rule the Kowloon roost if and when a municipal council in Kowloon becomes an accomplished fact.

The man upon whose advice every Committee of the Corporation must, to a large extent rely, is the Town Clerk. My close association with two very able Town Clerks has, perhaps, given me too high an opinion of Town Clerks generally, but my experience has been that the Town Clerk is always aloof from politics, never makes a public speech but nevertheless, runs the Municipality after the manner of a captain running his ship. Although, nominally, the chief servant of the Corporation he is, in fact, the Corporation.

There are, however, exceptions, and most Yorkshiremen know the story of the late Sir Charles Wilson, leader of the Leeds City Council, on the occasion of Leeds promoting a Bill in Parliament for the purpose of extending the City boundaries. Sir Charles was in the witness chair in a Committee room of the House of Commons, and he kept saying Leeds wanted this and Leeds considered that and Leeds demanded so and so. Sir Charles was a very portly gentleman, and suddenly eminent counsel—who was cross-examining said: "Tell me Sir Charles, who is Leeds?" To which came the startling reply "I am Leeds." "Then let us hope," said counsel, "that the Leeds boundaries will NOT be extended." But they were.

Whether in the misty future there will ever arise in the Kowloon Town Council a man who will say with conviction and confidence "I am Kowloon," one cannot say, but should this ever come to pass it will be a red-letter day for Kowloon. The next best thing, however, would be a strong and capable Town Clerk.

Conflict of Opinion.

In most large towns in Great Britain the municipality administers such departments as water, drainage, education, baths, parks and gardens, health, highways, markets, fire, sewage farms and abattoirs etc. and the majority of people consider that this is as it should be. When, however, it comes to trading concerns like transport, gas and electricity there is a sharp conflict of opinion. These enterprises are trading concerns, and I can think of no better topic of discussion in a debating society than that of whether these urban public utilities should be operated by the ratepayers for the ratepayers or by private enterprise. To what extent are municipalities justified in pledging the credit of their ratepayers in embarking on trading schemes which may be hazardous and which could be left to private companies?

When I was at home last year I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Herbert Morrison, the then Minister of Transport, who is regarded in Parliamentary circles as the one outstanding success of the recent Labour Government. In a speech at Llandudno on October 10 last Mr. Morrison said—

"I am convinced that if Socialist proposals are put forward in the way that they are sound on business grounds, that they are common sense, that they represent obviously the public interest, then these proposals are so obviously the right thing to do that it would be impossible for them to be opposed without opponents running the risk of making themselves ridiculous."

Collectivist policy for a huge area would not be metropolitan interest only; it would be of national interest, as it would establish a new and successful machinery for the management of collectivist undertakings."

Productive Industry.

Mr. Morrison then referred to the Road Traffic Act of 1930 and said that it was, in reality, a measure of economic and industrial reconstruction and that it incorporated an important instalment of Municipal Socialism. Mr. Morrison's peroration was as follows:—

"The industries of the country must be made effective instruments of production. They must be socialised where that is economically and socially possible, and where it was not possible the machinery must be prepared so that a Labour Government of the future could finish the work that had been begun. The nation had to get its living, and its industries must be efficient and well organised. Guided as they were by Socialist principles and inspired by socialist ideas, they must make sure that what they did was economically sound and in the interests of the nation as a whole."

Those are not the theories of a dreamer or a visionary philosopher. They are the convictions of a man who, until a few weeks ago was one of His Majesty's Ministers of State with seats in both the Cabinet and the Privy Council. He is also an energetic, forceful and exceedingly able man of affairs, and one feels bound to carefully consider his views and to try to detect the defects (if any) in his arguments before rejecting them.

Arguments Criticised.

Mr. Morrison's opponents declare that economic soundness and socialism are incompatible and irreconcilable. Mr. Morrison, however, if you told him this—would smile a very engaging smile and reply that he only advocated the socialisation of an industry if that was economically practicable!

I will give you a concrete example. There is a small town in Bedfordshire named Luton in which there is a very small and unprofitable tramway. This was—until about 1920—operated by a company, when it was bought out by the municipality. After ten years' operation, however, the municipality rightly came to the conclusion that the place was too small for trams, and they entered into negotiations with the Eastern National Omnibus Company, who made quite a good offer for the undertaking on condition that the municipality entered into an agreement not to institute competitive transport for 21 years.

As the Luton Corporation possess only thirteen tram-cars, and the track mostly a single line with passing places, the offer was accepted subject to the consent of the Minister of Transport. Mr. Morrison, however, refused his consent. Is this in the interests of the Luton ratepayers?

One cannot say, without further particulars and details.

Case of Bournemouth.

To show that Mr. Morrison's views on public ownership of urban passenger transport are shared by a constantly increasing number of people in Britain I need only report a significant incident relating to Bournemouth. On February 3 last at a meeting of the Bournemouth Town Council a letter was read from the Hants. & Dorset Motor Services Ltd., in which that Company expressed its willingness to negotiate with the Town Council with a view to the acquisition by the company of the whole of the transport services operated by the Bournemouth Corporation on terms indicated in an accompanying letter. During the discussion, the Mayor said:—

"Do you wish to hear the terms of the offer, or will you settle it as a matter of principle?" To this there was an overwhelming chorus of "Principle" and by a large majority the Council refused to have the terms read. The Bournemouth municipal transport undertaking is, therefore, not for sale on any terms.

Much as some of us may deplore this uncompromising attitude on the part of the Bournemouth Town Council it is as well for us to recognise that Mr. Morrison's philosophy regarding municipal ownership of trading undertakings has a huge number of adherents in the old country today.

Local Government System.

The late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman once said "Good government, is no substitute for self-government" and Mr. P. A. Harris, M.A., M.P. in his book "London and its Government" says:—

"The English system of local government has been built up, not necessarily because it is always the best way to discharge public services, but because on 'balance,' it is best for people to assume responsibility through their representatives for the management of their own affairs."

In a recent address before the Institute of Transport Sir Lynden Macassey, K.C., said:—

"All services of public utility, e.g. the supply of gas, water, electricity and transport must, for the sake of efficiency, be monopolies and, further, for the protection of the public, controlled or regulated monopolies."

Sir Lynden Macassey then proceeds to point out that on the Continent of Europe this conclusion was arrived at many years ago, but that Continental opinion found itself irresistibly driven to the further conclusion that both the ownership and operation of these public utilities should be in public hands—those of the state or the municipality.

Only where there appears to be considerable financial risk attaching to the operation of gas, transport or electricity undertakings do our Continental friends approve of private enterprise stepping in.

The British Viewpoint.

In Britain it is different—in fact a generation ago we were of much the same opinion as America still is on these points—namely, that individual initiative and personal push should be given free rein and that this is possible only through private enterprise.

From a transport point of view I put this generalisation, last year, to the test. I visited New York, where all the urban transport is in the hands of companies, and Berlin, where it is all in the hands of the Municipality. Although the best motor buses I saw on my tour were operated by private enterprise, the best tramways were run by a municipality. But not in either New York or Berlin. Both classes of vehicle were in London.

Municipal Councils—like individuals—often do unwise things, but it is on very rare occasions that they do disgraceful things, and only one such case has come within my experience. This happened in a corporation which I was serving, and concerned the Chief Constable, who was improperly dismissed by the Watch Committee.

There followed a Home Office enquiry which resulted in the Home Secretary ordering the Municipality, to reinstate the Chief Constable.

Council Personnel.

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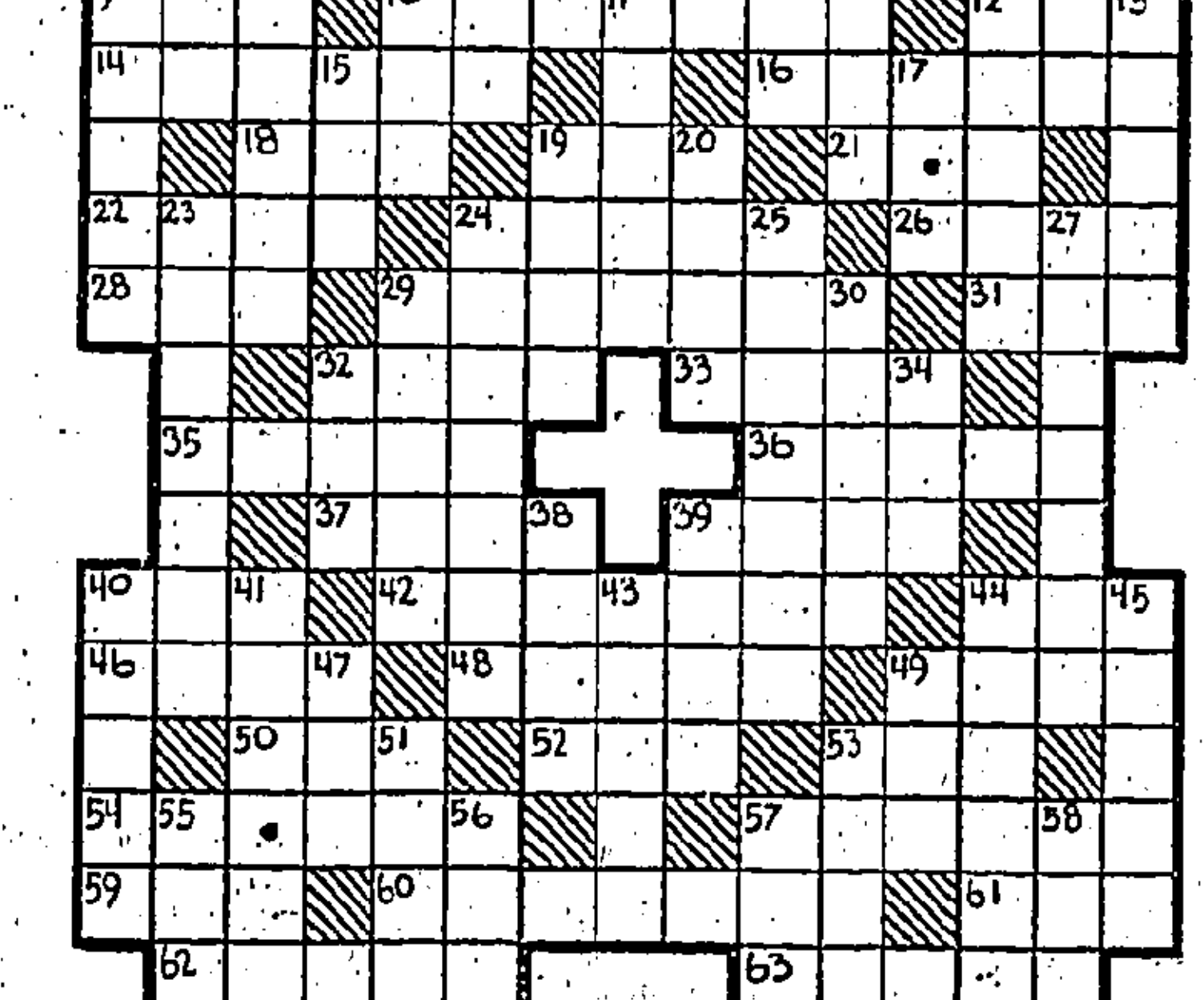
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(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, glow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL
1—Allure
5—Contest
9—Misdeed
10—Bawling implement
12—Little island in inland waters
14—Large bird of prey (pl.)
16—Drinking cup
18—Proem
19—Ocean
21—Liquid juice of plants
22—A firearm (pl.)
24—Incline
26—Proof
28—Before
29—An insect (pl.)
31—Born (Fr.)
32—The summit
33—Part of a bird
35—Native of Africa
36—City of Idaho
37—Grease
38—Go round
40—To fatigue
42—Soluble protid compound
44—Greek goddess of mischief

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
46—In a little while
48—To indicate a course of travel
49—Formerly (Post.)
50—To drink sparingly
52—Treasures (abbr.)
53—June bug
54—Great claw, as of a crab
57—Gave
58—Threat (Italian)
60—A cannon constructed against airplanes
61—And not

VERTICAL
15—Lieutenants (abbr.)
17—Pat
19—Slide
20—In a new way
22—Pertaining to Uranus
24—A thread winder
25—A rostrum
27—Chooses
28—Denude
30—To sleep noisily
32—Pat
33—Alcoholic beverage
34—Stain
35—Small children
40—To swoon
41—Evangelical
42—Combining form, relating to Turkey.
43—Notoriously bad
45—The upper air
47—Pinch
48—An age
49—A fruit
51—Lady (Sp.)
52—Man's name
53—To sleep, as fox
57—Entire
58—Part of foot

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

"INFECTION FROM TOMB."

240-Year-Old Microbes?

Budapest, August 2.
How long can microbes live? This question is being debated here as the result of the death of a stonemason, Philip Kurhyava. While carrying out repairs and alterations in the ancient Roman Catholic church at Keszmark, he was instructed to open a tomb in which a mother and her 4-year-old child had been buried 240 years ago. Shortly after he had completed the work he was taken violently ill, and the doctor who attended him declared he was suffering from a poisonous infection. The following day he died.

There appears to be a well-founded supposition that the mother and child died of an infectious disease. Some doctors are suggesting that the microbes transformed themselves into spore, survived the tomb for two and a half centuries, and were by some means absorbed into the system of the stonemason.

Contrary to Experience.
Professor Grafton Elliot-Smith, the eminent anatomist, discussed the case yesterday with a representative of The Daily Telegraph, and said: "The cause of death, in all probability, was infection through a wound, by means of the soil, quite irrespective of the bodies. Some years ago, when I was in Egypt, I collected a number of pathological specimens in which I could see microbes, but they would not grow on cultures, nor would they give reactions on living organisms."

"I supplied several bacteriologists with material from tubercle and leprosy and other forms of infectious material, but none of it was found to be active. You will find from the various evidence which has been submitted to strict scientific tests, that this survival of bacteria in an active form after long intervals is contrary to experience."

A group of 150 American Jews—the largest single party in the last few years—has arrived at Jerusalem from New York to settle in Palestine. It is reported that they have brought with them \$300,000 as capital.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 9th Sept., 1931.
Next Settlement Day, Monday, 28th Sept., 1931.

STOCK	Day	Sell	Buy	Th	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.					
Hong Kong Bank	2010	2010	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Chartered Bank	111	111	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Mercantile Bk., A.S.B.	121	121	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Bank of Asia	131	131	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Insurance.					
Canton Ins.	1650	1650	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Union Ins.	5071	5071	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
China Underwriters	615	615	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
China Fire Ins.	800	800	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
H. K. Fire Ins.	1170	1170	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Shipping.					
Douglas	24	24	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
H. K. Steamship	281	281	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Indo-China (Ref.)	40	40	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Shells, Beater	36/8	36/8	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Union Waterworks	291	291	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Mining.					
Benguet	111	111	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Kailan Mining Ad.	27/6	27/6	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Langkat (Single)	1.35	1.35	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Shai Exploration	1.05	1.05	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Loans	41	41	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Raubs	17/10	17/10	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Venezuela Gold Fields	104	104	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.					
H. K. & S. Wharves	104	104	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
H. K. & W. Docks	25	25	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
South Ch. Movers (A)	10	10	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
China Provident (old)	104	104	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Hoongkwa	270	270	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
N. Engineering	240	240	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Shanghai Docks	100	100	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Land, Hotels & Buildings.					
H. K. & S. Hs. (old)	17	17.30	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
H. K. Lands	104	104	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Shanghai Lands	411	411	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Humphreys (old)	221	221	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Chinese Estates	17.70	17.70	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Cotton Mills.					
Ewo Cotton	15.30	15.00	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Shanghai Cotton	104	104	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Zoong Sing	12	12	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Public Utilities.					
H. K. Tramways	22.70	22.60	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Peak Tram (old)	141	141	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Star Ferries	98	98	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Yamat Ferries	261	261	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
China Light	492	492	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
H. K. Electric	84	84	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Macao	23	23	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Sandakan Light	491	491	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
H. K. Tel. fully paid	361	361	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
China Buses	17.60	17.60	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Sport Tractors (Ord.)	8/9	8/9	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Industrials.					
China Sugars	501	501	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Malayan Sugars	39	39	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Cald. Macg. Ord.	14	14	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Canton Ice	101	101	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Cement (com.)	8.10	8.10	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Sinacres	181	181	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Wm. Powells	3.60	3.60	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Miscellaneous.					
H. K. Amusement (old)	201	201	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
C. Entertainment (old)	15	15	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
Sou. Ch. Enterprises	131	131	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
H. K. Construction (C.R.)	14.10	14.10	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
B. Ind. G. Bonds	72 1/2	72 1/2	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31
H. K. Govt. Loans	11	11	Dec.	10/10/31	Aug. 10, 31

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank, wire	11%
Bank, on demand	11%
Bank, 30 days' sight	11 1/16
Credits, 4 months	1 1/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1 1/16
On Paris—	
On demand	600
Credits, 4 months	640
On Berlin—	
On demand	Nom.
Credits, 60 days	23%
On Bombay—	
Wire	65%
On Calcutta—	
Wire	65%
On Singapore—	
On demand	41%
On Manila—	
On demand	47%
On Shanghai—	
On demand	79%
Dollar	7 1/2% dis.
On Yokohama—	
On demand	47%
buying rate	1 1/16
Silver (per oz.)	12 15/16
Bar Silver in Hong	Nom.
Copper Cash	Nominal
Copper Cents	8% prem.
Rate of Native In-	3 1/2% dis.
terest	24% p.m.
Chinese Sub. Coin	24% p.m.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	24% p.m.



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HIKAWA MARU	Tuesday	6th October.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.		
TERUKUNI MARU	Saturday	13th September.
IRAKUSAN MARU	Saturday	3rd October.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.		
ATSUTA MARU	Saturday	26th September.
KAMO MARU	Saturday	24th October.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.		
KAGA MARU	Friday	11th September.
YAMAGATA MARU	Monday	14th September.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.		
BOKUYO MARU	Saturday	12th September.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.		
TOBA MARU	Tuesday	29th September.
LYRPOOL via Port Said, Suez, Constantinople, Genoa.		
LYONS MARU	Sunday	13th September.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.		
CALCUTTA MARU	Tuesday	15th September.
PENANG MARU	Tuesday	29th September.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.		
KAMO MARU (Nagasaki direct)	Friday	18th September.
KATORI MARU	Saturday	19th September.
TOKUSHIMA MARU (Kobe direct)	Thursday	24th September.

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MONBASA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-ES-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH & CAPE TOWN THENCE TO RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore & Colombo.	Arizona Maru	Wed.	7th Oct.
BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila, JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	Brisbane Maru	Tues.	6th Oct.
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Amazon Maru	Fri.	11th Sept.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Kinai Maru	Tues.	15th Sept.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Colombo.	Hague Maru	Sat.	19th Sept.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Burma Maru	Fri.	18th Sept.
HAIKONG via Hong Kong & Pakhoi (Fortnightly).	Menado Maru	Thurs.	17th Sept.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (8 p.m. every Sunday).	Canton Maru	Sun.	13th Sept.
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Dell Maru	Thurs.	10th Sept.

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SAILING DATES FOR SEPT., 1931 (Subject to Change).
DEPARTURE HOURS: Hong Kong 5.30 p.m., Wuchow 3 p.m.

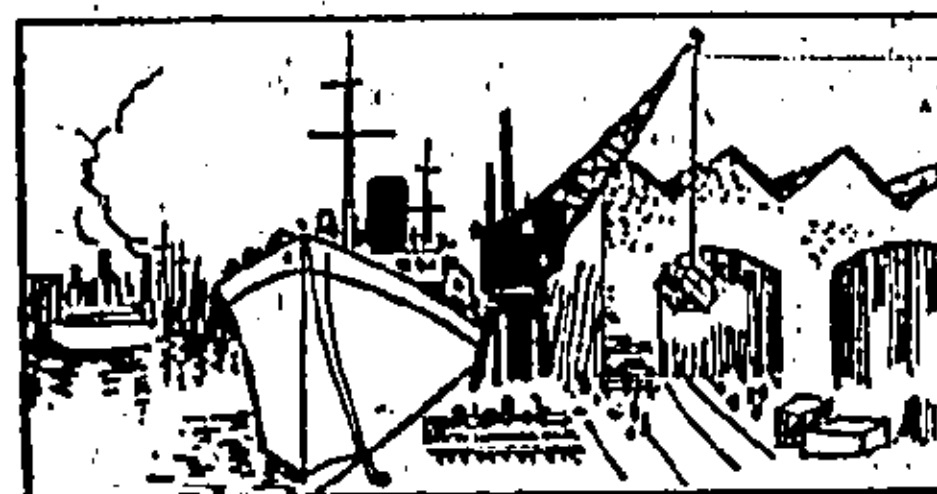
Steamer	Leaves Hong Kong	Arrives Wuchow	Leaves Wuchow	Arrives Hong Kong
TAI HING	WED. 9th	FRI. 11th	SAT. 12th	SUN. 13th
TAI MING	FRI. 11th	SUN. 13th	MON. 14th	TUES. 15th
TAI HING	SAT. 12th	TUES. 15th	FRI. 18th	SAT. 19th
TAI MING	THURS. 17th	SAT. 19th	SUN. 20th	MON. 21st
TAI HING	MON. 21st	WED. 23rd	THURS. 24th	FRI. 25th
TAI MING	WED. 23rd	FRI. 25th	SAT. 26th	SUN. 27th
TAI HING	SUN. 27th	TUES. 29th	WED. 30th	THURS. 1st
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only 9,000 yards away suddenly turn about and steer eastward towards the enemy. The result of Evan-Thomas's eight minutes' delay in turning "was inexorably to keep him and his tremendous guns out of the action for the most critical and most fatal half-hour, and even thereafter to keep him at extreme range."

After the war Egerton was Assistant Director of the Naval Staff College at Greenwich, and later was flag captain and Chief of Staff to

Admiral Sir Lewis Clinton-Baker in the East Indies. For four years until 1928 he was in the Plans Division of the Naval Staff, and then, in June, 1928, he was appointed to command Queen Elizabeth as flag captain.
Last year he was promoted rear-admiral, and appointed A.D.C. to the King. He was a C.M.G., and held the Legion of Honour, the Order of the Sacred Treasure of Japan, and the Order of St. Stanislas of Russia.



Shipping Intelligence

ADMIRAL EGERTON.

Delay in Turning at Jutland Battle.

The death occurred recently of Rear-Admiral Wilfrid Allan Egerton, son of the late Sir Reginald Egerton. He died at his home at Heckfield, Hants, of septic poisoning, at the age of 50.

Educated at the Oratory School, Birmingham, he served as a midshipman with Capt. Prothero's Naval Brigade in the South African campaign, being present at Belmont, Graspan, Modder River, Magersfontein, Paardeburg, and Driefontein.

During the war he was commander of Triumph, which was destroyed at the Dardanelles, and later he was flag commander in Barham to Vice-Admiral Sir Hugh Evan-Thomas, of the Fifth Battle Squadron, at the Battle of Jutland, and was commended for his services.

The movements of the Fifth Battle Squadron gave rise to much controversy when the history of Jutland came to be written. On the afternoon of May 31 the light cruiser Galatea saw a steamer about eight miles off and stopped and molested by two strange vessels, German torpedo-boats, and immediately signalled "Enemy in sight." This was at 2.20. All the British light cruisers drew towards Galatea, and eight minutes later she opened fire.
"The Galatea's message at 2.20 and the sound of her guns at 2.28," says Mr. Winston Churchill in "The World Crisis," "were sufficient for Admiral Beatty, in his flagship Lion; he realised that a hostile enterprise was in progress and, having warned his consort, by signal of his intentions, turned about and set off in chase of the German ships. All the battle-cruisers followed Lion, and executed the Admiral's orders.
Ten Miles Behind The Van.
"But the Fifth Battle Squadron, four and a half miles astern," says Mr. Churchill, "continued to carry out the previous instructions, and for eight minutes steered in exactly the opposite direction... as if oblivious of the vital change in the situation. During these eight minutes the Fifth Battle Squadron was losing touch with the battle-cruisers at the rate of over forty miles an hour. When eventually they turned at 2.40 they were already ten miles behind the van."
The controversy centred round the delay of the Fifth Battle Squadron in turning. It was contended, on the one hand, that Rear-Admiral Evan-Thomas did not make out the signal flags till 2.40; on the other hand, that he knew at 2.20 that enemy ships were in sight, that Barham, his flagship, received at 2.30 by wireless the course about to be steered by Lion, and that his dominant orders were to keep within five miles of that vessel.
No one on Barham's bridge, says Mr. Churchill, "could miss seeing all the six enormous British ships

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PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. Taiping on September 8:

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ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Monday, September 7.
Bengal Maru, Japanese str., 3,231 tons, Capt. H. Kannanichi, from Sakito, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.
Corona, Norwegian str., 1,953 tons, Capt. O. M. Klette, from Chinwangtao, buoy No. B26.—Doddwell & Co.

Daiviken, Norwegian str., 1,778 tons, Capt. G. Svane, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J. M. & Co.
Kingyuan, British str., 1,546 tons, Capt. J. Taylor, from Hoihow, buoy No. A15.—B. & S.

Kumsang, British str., 3,341 tons, Capt. J. H. Ferguson, from Amoy, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.
President Wilson, American str., 3,319 tons, Capt. M. Ridley, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Line.

Taina, British str., 6,154 tons, Captain R. W. Hocking, from Shanghai, buoy No. A11.—M. M. & Co.

Tuesday, September 8.
Aagtekerk, Dutch str., 5,581 tons, Capt. Fries, from Shanghai, buoy No. A2.—J.C.J.L.

Arden, Norwegian str., 1,101 tons, Captain H. A. Johnsen, from Bangkok, buoy No. B19.—K. Larsen & Co.

Chenan, British str., 1,355 tons, Capt. Newton, from Canton, buoy No. B17.—B. & S.

Kiungchow, British str., 1,545 tons, Capt. W. J. Larter, from Swatow, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.

Melwu Maru, Japanese str., 5,115 tons, Captain Matsura, from Milke, buoy No. A18.—Y.K.K.

Seistan, British str., 1,571 tons, Captain Alex. G. Inglis, from Hoihow, buoy No. A14.—Jeb-shan & Co.

Shun Lee, Chinese str., 949 tons, Capt. B. Miyasaka, from Canton, buoy No. C3.—Yee Tai Hong.

Sinkiang, British str., 1,616 tons, Capt. F. Gibbs, from Canton, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

Tai Ping, British str., 2,582 tons, Capt. A. M. Frame, from Manila, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

WATER LEVELS.

Details for West, North and East Rivers.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:—

	Sept. 8	Sept. 9
West River at Shuihung	18.3	17.7
North River at Samshui	16.3	17.5
North River at Tsingyuen	12.0	12.2
East River at Sheklung	8.0	9.3

The highest levels recorded are—Shuihung, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.3 feet; Sheklung, 11.5 feet.

The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshui and minus 2.7 feet at Sheklung.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. Cathay left Shanghai for this port on September 8 at 4 p.m., and is due here on September 11 at about 7 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Asia arrived at Yokohama on September 9 (Wed.) at 8 a.m. leaves Yokohama on September 10 (Thurs.) at 6 a.m., and is due at Hong Kong on September 17 (Thurs.). She leaves Hong Kong for Manila on September 17 (Thurs.) at 6 p.m.

The P. and O. s.s. Khyber from Hong Kong arrived London on September 7, 3 a.m.

The P. and O. s.s. Mantua left Singapore for this port on September 6 at 7 a.m., with the outward English Mail, and is due here on September 10 at about noon.

The submarine Nautilus, which had caused some anxiety last week owing to long silence, but subsequently got into radio communication with a shore station, arrived at Longyear City, Spitzbergen, at 1 p.m. yesterday says Reuter.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

September 9 to 15, 1931.

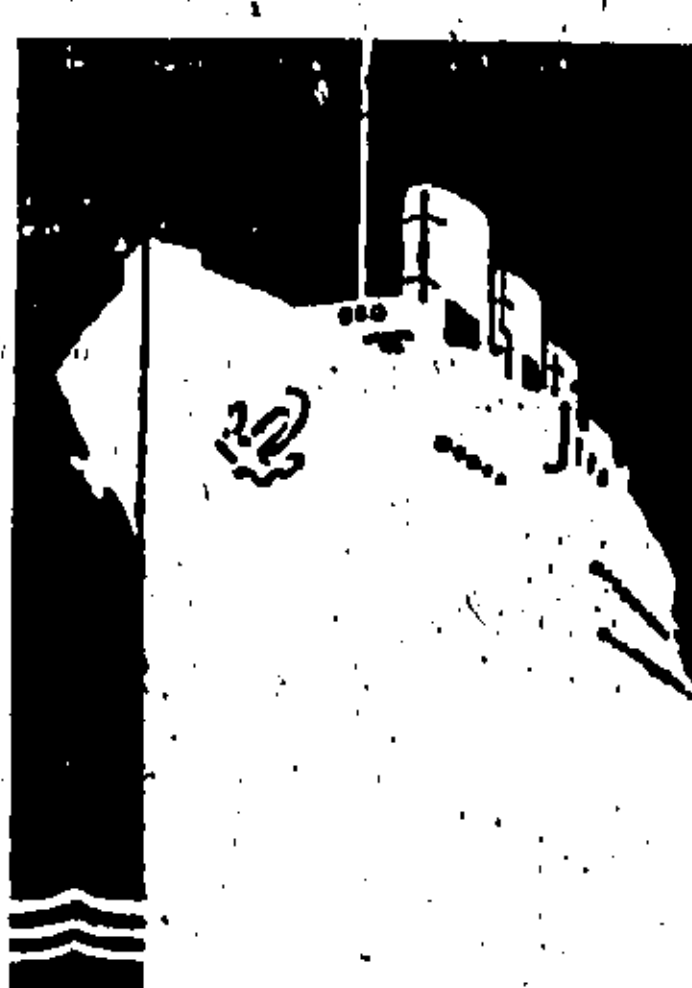
Date	High Water		Low Water		H.
	Standard Time	Ht. in Feet	Standard Time	Ht. in Feet	
August					
Wed. 10	11 11	6.9	1 16	1.9	9.9
Thurs. 11	12 28	4.4	1 31	1.3	6.1
Fri. 12	1 18	7.7	1 01	3.3	3.4
Sat. 13	2 45	4.1	1 15	1.6	1.6
Sun. 14	3 08	7.9	1 01	2.2	2.2
Mon. 15	4 10	6.7	1 16	1.0	1.0
Tues. 16	5 09	7.7	1 16	1.5	1.5
Wed. 17	6 03	5.9	1 16	1.2	1.2
Thurs. 18	6 59	7.7	1 16	1.4	1.4
Fri. 19	7 50	6.1	1 16	1.0	1.0
Sat. 20	8 36	6.4	1 16	1.2	1.2

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Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 12
Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17
Empress of Russia	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 29	Oct. 31
Empress of Japan	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 12	Nov. 14
Empress of Asia	Nov. 20	Nov. 23	Nov. 25	Nov. 28
Empress of Canada	Dec. 5	Dec. 8	Dec. 10	Dec. 12
Empress of Russia	Dec. 18	Dec. 21	Dec. 24	Dec. 26

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STEAMER	Days Hong Kong	Leave Hong Kong	Leave Manila	Due Sydney
TAIPING	1st	Sept. 12	Sept. 19	1st
CHANGTE	1st	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	1st
CHANGTE	1st	Oct. 11	Oct. 18	1st

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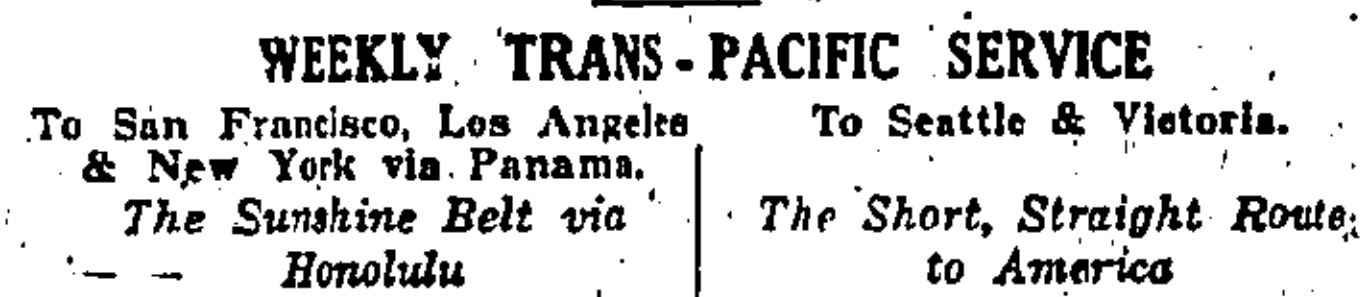
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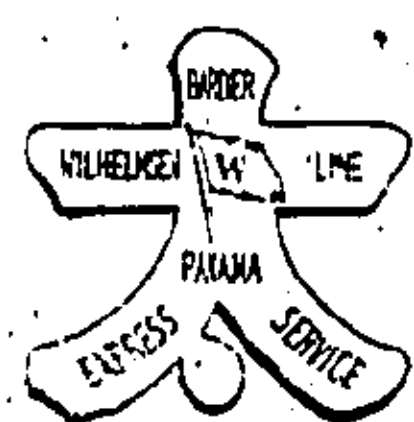
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NEWSPAPER & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

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No direct answer was given to this open letter. Such newspaper makers as discussed it in any form tended, with few exceptions, to justify newspaper practice on two grounds. They contended, in the first place, that crime and sex constitute sensational news; that sensational news is the thing that the public wants; that the newspaper must supply what the public wants, or go out of business. Or if they were not ready to defend their course on quite such a crassly materialistic basis as that, the newspaper makers declared that the printing of such news revolting as it might appear, really performed a therapeutic function in the body politic. Unless the dreadful facts were fully known, how could the community understand the enormity of the conditions with which it must deal? Scandal mongering and crime reporting were in this fashion elevated to the distinction of important social services.

It is probable that few thoughtful citizens were taken in by such casuistry. But these defences of newspaper practice in respect to a wide range of news have become almost standard in the journalistic profession itself, and have been accepted as conclusive by far too many journalists. It has been the easier for these journalists—to save the disturbed consciences by falling back on this fallacious reasoning because there never has been, up to the present, an objective standard of newspaper practice in another field by which to make comparisons. Such a standard has now, however, been given. By the test which it supplies, the practice of the Press in sensationalizing its reports of crime and sex is proved to be totally without the social justification which has been claimed for it.

Fittingly enough, it has been the city of Chicago which has thus tested the pretensions of the newspaper. On Saturday, June 6, serious financial trouble developed in at least one, and perhaps more than one, of the city's largest banks. Hundreds of the city's bankers were in feverish conference all that night; all day Sunday, and early on Monday morning it was announced that four of the city's largest banks had been merged into two. The terms announced made it clear that one of these mergers had been simply the taking over of the deposits of one bank by another, and that not even this measure of "rescue" would have been achieved had not a separate guarantee fund of more than \$12,000,000 been raised to protect the bank accepting the transferred deposits.

In the train of this upheaval in banking circles in the city's loop district, disaster fell upon smaller banks in residential sections. On Monday, when the loop mergers went into effect, six outlying banks closed their doors. On Tuesday twelve more failed to open. On Wednesday six more collapsed. On Thursday two more went to the wall. Confidence in the financial structure of the city was, naturally, badly shaken; in the south and west side residential districts something closely approximating a panic spread.

Here was news, and about as sen-

sational as occurs. The mergers in the loop represented, as every well-informed citizen knew, the practical wiping out of one of the city's oldest and supposedly strongest banks, and the combination of two others to secure needed resources for a period of peril. Under ordinary circumstances, the failure of a single bank will be given large newspaper headlines; here were twenty-six bank failures within four days! The city was filled with wild rumours; a recital of the actual facts in the order of their sensational (and panic-creating) value might easily have precipitated a social catastrophe of the first order. What happened? The newspapers unanimously treated the matter in such a way as to minimize the facts of the financial crisis and to magnify such elements of stability and order as the situation contained!

Now, these examples of newspaper practice are not detailed in order to take exception to them. It is possible to argue that, in view of the general public knowledge of the seriousness of the situation, this obvious "playing down" of its sensational elements might produce the very opposite of the effect sought. But, all things considered, the newspapers were probably justified and wise in pursuing the course which they did. This course, however, stands in glaring contrast with the course which they have pursued, when dealing with, let us say, the activities of Mr. Alphonse Capone, or with the tragic outcome of a high school drinking party.

Why this difference of journalistic practice? The answer is plain. During the critical events of last week, the newspapers of Chicago felt a genuine responsibility to the welfare of the city's financial community. More than that, they felt themselves a part of that community; their fate tied up with its fate. If it crashed, they crashed.

Perhaps it should be said that in writing these words, the Christian Century has no intention of singling the Chicago newspapers out for special reprobation. The newspapers in other cities would have done what the Chicago papers did during the financial crisis, just as most of them have done the same things about crime and sex. It only happens that this demonstration has taken place in Chicago; its revelations apply to every big city newspaper that is still "playing up" sensational news on the ground that it is what the public wants and is for the ultimate good of the public.

The old plea can stand no longer. It has been swept out of court by the newspapers themselves; swept out of court in this Chicago experience. For the newspapers themselves, by the course they have pursued when financial ruin stalked the streets of their city, have admitted that an event may be news, but that it may not be for the public good to have it sensationalized. On the basis of that admission, now made, the public has a right to demand of the entire newspaper profession a raising of the average standards of social responsibility.—Christian Century.

MEXICO AND LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Mexico City, Yesterday. The Foreign Minister announces that Mexico is joining the League of Nations.—Reuter.

MACDONALD FACES THE MUSIC.

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mands made upon itself. The specific and only problem now was to restore waning confidence and secure credits necessary to give us an opportunity for the rebuilding of defences.

"Bankers' Ramp." Referring to the talk of a "Bankers' Ramp," Mr. MacDonald said that bankers and financiers, however selfish, would not devise, for political purposes, methods to bring themselves to bankruptcy. "I wish to say specifically and emphatically that never in the whole course of the negotiations carried on by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and myself with the approval of the Government did the banks interfere with our political proposals. They confined themselves to giving us expert advice as to the effects of the proposals on the possible yield of a loan."

If the country was to get a loan, it had to balance its Budget and put its unemployment finance on a sound basis.

Consequences Awful to Contemplate.

The Prime Minister paid warm tribute to the helpfulness and goodwill shown by French and American bankers. He said the cuts which Government would propose might be serious but they would know what they were. If the pound had been allowed to tumble off gold, if there had been a real panic the value of money might not merely have sunk slowly, it might have withered to nothing, and war and old age pensions and health and insurance benefit become nearly worthless. It was too awful to contemplate the consequences for the British people, if the complicated system of credit and exchange, on which they depended as an importing country, were thrown into confusion.

Appeal to All Classes.

After insisting that the problem was not at all one due to lack of potential national resources, but one due to lack of immediate confidence, the Prime Minister appealed to all classes to go cheerfully with the Government over the hard and broken road, along which national security, honour and well-being were to be found.

"The Widow Has Offered Her Mite."

"The burden that we shall ask each individual to bear, in relation to national sacrifice, will not be an inequitable one. Already, His Majesty has led his people by his Royal example, announced this morning. The widow has offered her mite. The unemployed, themselves, have written claiming the privilege of sharing the burdens which are going to contribute to the financial stability of the Nation. Our people will be proud to help and will be jealous to see the fruit of their surrenders in restored national credit."

I ask the House of Commons to uphold Government's hands in its work. Will it be long? Will it be short? I know not. One definite thing I can say is our duty is to remain here and it is God's (your?) duty to keep us until the crisis is past, until the world is convinced, once again, that British sterling is unassailable.—British Wireless Service.

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